

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>CRIMINAL NO.</b> _____
<b>v.</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>DATE FILED: May 29, 2007</b>
<b>LEE PERSON,</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>VIOLATIONS:</b>
<b>a/k/a "Darnell Ransaw,"</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(1)(A) (false statements</b>
<b>JONATHAN DAVIS</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>to a federal firearms dealer - 2 counts)</b>
	<b>:</b>	<b>18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) (convicted felon</b>
	<b>:</b>	<b>in possession of a firearm - 2 counts)</b>
	<b>:</b>	<b>18 U.S.C. § 2 (aiding and abetting)</b>
	<b>:</b>	<b>Notice of forfeiture</b>

**INDICTMENT**

**COUNTS ONE AND TWO**

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:**

At all times material to this indictment:

1. Colosimo's, Inc., 933 Spring Garden, Philadelphia, PA, possessed a federal firearms license ("FFL") and was authorized to deal in firearms under federal laws.
2. Johnson's Auto Parts and Sporting Goods, 710 State Road, Philadelphia, PA, possessed a federal firearms license ("FFL") and was authorized to deal in firearms under federal laws.
3. FFL holders are licensed, among other things, to sell firearms and ammunition. Various rules and regulations, promulgated under the authority of Chapter 44, Title 18, United States Code, govern the manner in which FFL holders are permitted to sell firearms and ammunition.
4. The rules and regulations governing FFL holders require that a person seeking to purchase a handgun fill out a Firearm Transaction Record, ATF Form 4473. Part of

the Form 4473 requires that the prospective purchaser certify that all his or her answers on Form 4473 are true and correct. Question 11(a) of ATF Form 4473 requires that the prospective purchaser certify truthfully, subject to penalties of perjury, that he or she is the actual buyer of the firearm. The ATF Form 4473 contains language warning that “You are not the actual buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person. If you are not the actual buyer, the dealer cannot transfer the firearm(s) to you.” The Form 4473 also includes a certification by the buyer of the firearm(s) that “I understand that answering ‘yes’ to question 11(a) if I am not the actual buyer of the firearm is a crime punishable as a felony.”

5. A person who purchases a firearm for another person and falsely completes the Form 4473 is a “straw purchaser.”

6. FFL holders are required to maintain a record, in the form of a completed Form 4473, of the identity of the actual buyer of firearms sold by the FFL holder, including the buyer’s home address and date of birth, to ensure that the person is not prohibited from purchasing a firearm.

7. Convicted felons are persons prohibited by law from buying firearms.

8. Defendant LEE PERSON, a/k/a “Darnell Ransaw,” was a convicted felon prohibited by law from buying firearms.

9. Defendant LEE PERSON paid defendant JONATHAN DAVIS to buy firearms for him.

10. On or about the dates set forth in the chart below, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendants

**LEE PERSON,  
a/k/a “Darnell Ransaw,” and  
JONATHAN DAVIS,**

in connection with the acquisition of each of the firearms listed in the chart below, from each of the FFLs set forth in the chart below, knowingly made, and aided, abetted, and willfully caused, a false statement and representation with respect to information required by the provisions of Chapter 44, Title 18, United States Code, to be kept in the FFL holder's records, in that defendant DAVIS certified on the Form 4473 that he was the actual buyer of the firearms, when in fact, as the defendants knew, this statement was false and fictitious.

COUNT	DATE	FFL	FIREARM
1	March 7, 2007	Colosimo's, Inc.	1 Ruger, Model P-95, 9mm caliber, serial number 316-33407
2	March 14, 2007	Johnson's Auto Parts and Sporting Goods	1 Ruger, Model P95, 9mm caliber pistol, serial number 314-86522  1 Taurus, Model 85UL, .38 caliber revolver, serial number RJ88241

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(a)(1)(A) and 2.

**COUNT THREE**

**THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

On or about March 7, 2007, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of  
Pennsylvania, defendant

**LEE PERSON,  
a/k/a “Darnell Ransaw,”**

having been convicted in a court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of a crime punishable  
by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed in and affecting interstate  
commerce a firearm, that is, a Ruger, Model P-95, 9mm caliber pistol, serial number 316-33407.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

**COUNT FOUR**

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**THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

On or about March 14, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania,  
defendant

**LEE PERSON,  
a/k/a “Darnell Ransaw,”**

having been convicted in a court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed in and affecting interstate commerce a firearm, that is, a Ruger, Model P95, 9mm caliber pistol, serial number 314-86522 and a Taurus, Model 85UL, .38 caliber revolver, serial number RJ88241.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

**THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

As a result of the violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(a)(1)(A), and 922(g)(1), set forth in this indictment, defendants

**LEE PERSON,  
a/k/a “Darnell Ransaw,” and  
JONATHAN DAVIS**

shall forfeit to the United States of America the firearms involved in the commission of such offenses, including, but not limited to:

- (1) 1 Ruger, Model P-95, 9mm caliber pistol, serial number 316-33407;
- (2) 1 Ruger, Model P95, 9mm caliber pistol, serial number 314-86522; and
- (3) 1 Taurus, Model 85UL, .38 caliber revolver, serial number RJ88241.

All pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d).

**A TRUE BILL:**

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**FOREPERSON**

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**PATRICK L. MEEHAN**  
**United States Attorney**